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TO READERS AND CORRESPONDENTS.

We have received communications from Drs. Spence, of Dumfries, Va. Bartlett, of Lowell, Mass. and Kain, of Shelbyville, Tenn.

We have just learned that the operation for tying the subclavian artery by Bransby Cooper, Esq. recorded as successful in the London Medical and Physical Journal—and noticed in this No. page 215, was unsuccessful.

The success of the operation seemed almost certain, but suppuration occurred in the sac, and subsequently hæmorrhage, which terminated the patient's life on the 8th of February last.

We have received the following publications:—

Traité Général d'Anatomie comparée. Par J. F. Meckel. Traduit de l'Allemand et Augmenté de Notes. Par MM. Riester, et Alph. Sanson, Docteur en Chirurgie de la Faculté de Paris: Précédé d'une Lettre de l'Auteur. Tom. Premier. Paris, 1828. Villeret et Cie, (from the translators.)

Transactions of the Medical Society of the State of New York, for the year 1828. With the annual address, by T. R. Beck, M. D. President of the Society, (from the society.)

Medico-chirurgical Transactions, published by the Medical and Chirurgical Society of London. London, 1827.

Journal des Progrès des Sciences, et Institutiones Médicales, en Europe, en Amerique, &c. Vol. VI. and VII. 1827 and 1828, (in exchange.)

Annales de la Medicine Physiologique. Par F. J. V. Broussais, D. M. for October, November, and December, 1827, (in exchange.)

Bulletin des Sciences Medicales, for October, November, and December, (in exchange.)

The Edinburgh Medical and Surgical Journal, for January, 1828, (in exchange.)

The London Medical and Physical Journal, for January and February, (in exchange.)

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The North American Medical and Surgical Journal, for April, 1828, (in exchange.)

The Boston Medical and Surgical Journal, Vol. I. No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, (in exchange.)

The Western Medical and Physical Journal, for January, 1828, (in exchange.)

La Clinique des Hôpitaux et de la Ville, (in exchange.)

Introductory lecture delivered at the commencement of the fourth session of

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the Medical College of South Carolina, November, 1827. By SAMUEL HENRY DICKSON, M. D. Professor of the Institutes and Practice of Medicine. Charleston, 1828, (from the author.)

The works of WILLIAM CULLEN, M. D. Professor of the Practice of Physic in the University of Edinburgh: containing his Physiology, Nosology, and first lines of the Practice of Physic: with numerous extracts from his manuscript papers, and from his treatise of the Materia Medica. Edited by JOHN THOMPSON, M. D. F. R. S. L. and E. Lecturer on the Practice of Physic, &c. &c. Edinburgh, 1827, 2 vols. 8vo. pp. 1336.

Nouvelles Recherches sur l'Origine, la Nature, et le Traitment de la Môle vésiculaire ou grossesse Hydatique. Par Madame VEUVE BOIVIN, Maitresse sage femme, Surveillante en chef de la Maison Royale de Santé de Paris, &c. &c. Paris, 1827, pp. 80, avec figure.

Lettre a l'Academie des Sciences. Examen Critique de l'Ouvrage de M. le Docteur Civiale, Intitule de la Lithoritie, &c. Par M. L. BARON HEURTELOUP, D. M. P. Paris, 1827, pp. 104, with a plate.

Etudes Cliniques sur les Emissions Sanguines Artificielles, Ouvrage qui a Remporté le Prix Proposé par la Société Académique de Medicine de Marseille pour l'Année, 1826. Par A. P. ISIDORE POLONIERE, D. M. Medicin de l'Hotel Dieu de Lyon, &c. &c. Paris, 1827.

Examen des Principes de l'Administration en Matière Sanitaire, ou Reponse au Discours Prononcé a la Chambre des Députés, le 31, Mai, 1826. Par M. de BOISBERTRAND, Directeur de l'Administration Générale des Establissments d'-Utilité Publique. Par N. CHERVIN, D. M. P. &c. &c. Paris, 1827.

Pathological and Practical Researches on Diseases of the Brain and Spinal Cord. By JOHN ABERCROMBIE, M. D. &c. Edinburgh, 1828.

Memoires of West Indian Fever, constituting brief notices regarding the treatment, origin, and nature of the disease commonly called Yellow Fever. By JOHN WILSON, M. D. R. M. London, 1827.

An Essay on the Structure, Functions, and Diseases of the Nervous System. By JOHN R. W. DUNBAR, A. M. of Virginia. Recording Secretary of the Philadelphia Medical Society. Philadelphia, 1828, (from the author.)

Memoires sur le Traitément des Anus Artificiels, des Plaies, des Intestins, et des Plaies pénétraites de poitrine. Par J. F. REYBARD DE COISIAT, Médecin a Annoy, D. M. P. &c. Paris, 1827.

Essai sur les Maladies de l'Oreille Interne. Par J. A. SABBY, D. M. &c. Paris, 1827.

A Practical Essay on Stricture of the Rectum; Illustrated by Cases. By FREDERICK SALMON, Surgeon to the General Dispensary, &c. London, 1828.

Some of our contributors having expressed a desire to be informed when their communications are noticed in other Journals, and as we believe it will be agreeable to all our correspondents, we shall hereafter regularly furnish them with this information; at present we can only refer them to such notices as are contained in the few Journals now on our table.

Dr. Mott will find his case of calculous degeneration of the scrotum, copied into the London Medical and Physical Journal, and into the London Medical Repository and Review for December, 1827—his case of ligature of the common iliac noticed in the Journal des Progrès, Vol. VI. the London Medical and Physical Journal for October, 1827, and the Boston Medical and Surgical Journal, Vol. I. No. IV.—his operation for abscess of the chest, in the Journal des Progrès, Vol. VI. and London Medical and Physical Journal for October, 1827.

Dr. Fearn's paper on tendons is noticed in the London Medical and Physical Journal for December, 1827, Medico-Chirurgical Review for October, 1827, and Boston Medical and Surgical Journal, Vol. I. No. V.

Dr. Hayne's communication on the use of cold water as a cure for salivation is re-published in the London Medical and Physical Journal for January, 1828.

Professor Hare's method of preparing denarcotised laudanum is copied into the London Medical Repository and Review, and Medico-Chirurgical Review for January, 1828.

Dr. Mauran's case of malformation of the heart is re-published in the Journal des Progrès, Vol. VI.

Dr. Rush's case of pulsation of the veins is re-published in the Journal des Progrès, Vol. VI. London Medical and Physical Journal for October, 1827, and London Medical Repository and Review for September, 1827.

Dr. Horner's inquiries respecting the gastro-intestinal mucous membrane are analysed in the London Medical and Physical Journal for February, 1828—in the Boston Medical and Surgical Journal, Vol. I. No. III. and in the North American Medical and Surgical Journal for January, 1828.

Mr. Carpenter's paper on piperine is re-published in the Western Medical and Physical Journal, for January, 1828.

Dr. Rogers's operation for the re-establishment of the urethra is noticed in the London Medical and Physical Journal, for October, 1827.

Professor Chapman's paper on hydrocephalus is re-published in the London Medical and Physical Journal for July last, and Professor Dewees's on bloody infiltrations into the labia pudendi, is copied into the same Journal for November.

All the papers contained in No. 1, are analysed in the Boston Medical and Surgical Journal, Vol. I, No. 3 and 4.

Authors of new medical books, desirous of having them reviewed or noticed in this Journal at the earliest opportunity, are invited to transmit us a copy as soon after publication as convenient, when they will receive prompt attention. Under ordinary circumstances, very considerable delay is caused by the circuitous routes through which they reach us.

Papers intended for publication, should be sent as early after the appearance of the Journal as possible, in order to be in time for the ensuing number. Such communications should be addressed to "Carey, Lea and Carey, Philadelphia, for the editors of the American Journal of the Medical Sciences." All letters on the *business* of the Journal to be addressed exclusively to the publishers.

After this sheet was ordered to press, we received a letter from one of our collaborators, Professor FRANCIS, complaining that Dr. IVES has noticed, page 368 of our last number, in an uncandid manner, a case published by the former in the New York Medical and Physical Journal, in which large doses of tincture of cantharides were taken.

Professor FRANCIS says, that in his general observations on the use of the tinct. canth. he stated, that he generally commenced with doses of twenty or twenty-five drops, three times a day; that after a few days, the dose is to be increased to thirty or forty drops, and repeated as before, and that the extent to which the remedy might be administered seemed incredible, independent of experience; that in the case adverted to by Dr. IVES, the sufferer's long-continued bodily infirmity, his disregard of advice and caution, and his determination on self-destruction were especially noted in the original account: and moreover, the fact that the patient took, of his own accord, six ounces of the tinct. lyttæ, with suicidal intent, was not given as Professor FRANCIS's individual practice.

Professor FRANCIS alludes in his letter to the well-known fact, that the human constitution may be accustomed by degrees to much larger doses of medicine than are ordinarily administered, and that the same quantity of a potent article which might be with safety and even judiciously given at one stage of a disease, would at another be attended with fatal effects; and he cites the instance of the noted corrosive sublimate eater, and the case related by Wilson, of a man who swallowed four ounces of laudanum without experiencing from it even a tendency to sleep; and also the observation of Roberton—that he has met with many who were astonished at the quantity of tinct. lyttæ he gave, without mixing it with any emollient substance, to prevent its supposed violent action on the stomach; but that he never found those deleterious consequences result from its exhibition.

It cannot for a moment be supposed, that Dr. IVES intended to convey an erroneous impression of Professor FRANCIS's practice. The only question is, whether or not it is safe to give cantharides in large doses—the papers of Drs. FRANCIS and IVES are both before the public—the truth of the cases they have related cannot be doubted—and the profession can decide the question.

ERRATA.

Page 14,	line 7 from the bottom,	for "*Levret*," read *Levert*.
121,	19 from the top,	after "*capacity*," insert *is less*.
126,	11 from the top,	for "*sanguinary*," read *sanguineous*.
133,	23 from the top,	for "*were*," read *are*.
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177,	16 from the bottom	for "*Harlam*," read *Haslam*.

In our last Number—

Page 358,	line 1,	for "*medicine*," read *medium*.
do.	4 from the top,	for "*art*," read *act*.
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